

First CRC Fulton
Jan. 16, 2022
John 9:1-12
The Light of the World
Bulletin/Leader

We Gather in Praise and Worship

Prelude: Light of the World

Welcome - Rev. Jake Ritzema

Readings from Isaiah 6 & 60 - Beth C. & Pastor Jake

Reader 1: In the year that King Uzziah died, Isaiah saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted and the train of his robe filled the temple.

Reader 2: Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.

Reader 1: And they were calling to one another: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty.

Women: *[louder]* Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty.

Men: *[yet louder]* Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty.

Reader 2: The whole earth is full of his glory. At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

Reader 1: Let us hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

Readers 1 and 2: Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you,

Women: See, darkness covers the earth and thick
darkness is over the peoples,

Men: But the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears
over you.

All: Nations will come to your light, and kings to the
brightness of your dawn.

Reader 1: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence
with singing.

Reader 2: For the people who walked in darkness have
seen a great light. Alleluia. And that light has shined on
the nations, who live in the shadow of death.

Announcements - Pastor Michael

Call To Worship - Pastor Jake

Rev. 22:1-6: ¹Then the angel showed me the river of the
water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne
of God and of the Lamb ²down the middle of the great
street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree
of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit
every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the
healing of the nations. ³No longer will there be any curse.
The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city,
and his servants will serve him. ⁴They will see his face,

and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. ⁶The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place."

God's Greeting - Pastor Jake

Mutual Greeting

Songs of Praise

O Worship the King

Blessed Assurance

The Solid Rock

Here I am to Worship

Congregational Prayer: Rollie V.E.

WE PREPARE FOR & HEAR GOD'S WORD

Children's Message - Pastor Jake

Today's Scripture: John 9: 1 - 12

¹As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

³"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴As long as it is day, we must do the

works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

⁶After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man’s eyes. ⁷“Go,” he told him, “wash in the Pool of Siloam” (this word means “Sent”). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

⁸His neighbors and those who had formerly seen him begging asked, “Isn’t this the same man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹Some claimed that he was.

Others said, “No, he only looks like him.”

But he himself insisted, “I am the man.”

¹⁰“How then were your eyes opened?” they asked.

¹¹He replied, “The man they call Jesus made some mud and put it on my eyes. He told me to go to Siloam and wash. So I went and washed, and then I could see.”

¹²“Where is this man?” they asked him.

“I don’t know,” he said.

Sermon: The Light of the World is _____ Pastor

Jake

Prayer

Installation of Elders and Deacons - Pastor Michael

WE DEPART WITH GOD’S BLESSING

Parting Song: *The Light of the World is Jesus*

Blessing: Pastor Jake

Thematic Texts

John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Matthew 5:14-16¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Church News

Remember in prayer our members in care facilities and those that are homebound:

Dorothy B, Ken B, Jeanette B, Carroll E, John S, Betty S, Mark S, Bernie V, Albert W.

Deacons News

Please place your offerings in the plates located on the back table.

Offering received 1/9/22

Amount budgeted per week: \$1,925.52

Amount received: \$3,215.00

Amount over: \$1,289.48

Unity Booster Fund: \$138.00

Offerings today: General Fund-Faith Promise

Offerings Next Sunday: General Fund-Ministry Shares

Youth Group - We will have Youth Group this Sunday, January 16, at First CRC from 5:30-8:00. We will continue with our series with Sadie Robertson. Hope to see you there.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, January 16	Worship Service Youth Group	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 18	Elders' Meeting Council	6:00 p.m. 6:45 p.m.

Today

Next

Sunday

Recorder & Sound	Joe V	David D
Nursery Attendant	Lynell B	Michelle V

Snack Provider	Ruby D	Lynell B
Server	Elders	Lynell B
Children's Message	Pastor Jake	Marissa W